

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Ernst Peter Strecker  
Serial No. : 10/656,218  
Filed : September 8, 2003  
For : ENDOPROSTHESIS THAT CAN BE PERCUTANEOUSLY  
IMPLANTED IN THE PATIENT'S BODY  
Group : 3738 Confirmation No: 1060  
Examiner : David H. Willse

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 11, 2009, for which a response is due on or before August 11, 2009, with no extensions of time, Applicant submits the following response and respectfully request reconsideration.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.